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The following Act of the Constituent Assembly has been authenticated by the President of the Constituent Assembly by his signature on the 31st May, 1949, and is hereby published for general information:—

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ACT No. III OF 1949

An Act to amend the India (Central Government and Legislature) Act, 1946.

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Geo. 6,
c. 39.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the India (Central Government and Legislature) Act, 1946, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the India (Central Government and Legislature) Amendment Act, 1949.

Short title
and com-
mencement.

(2) It shall come into force on the 10th day of June, 1949.

52 & 53 Vict.
c. 63

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies for the interpretation of this Act as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Interpreta-
tion.

3. In paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the India (Central Government and Legislature) Act, 1946,—

Amendment
of section 2
of the India
(Central
Government
and Legisla-
ture) Act,
1946.

(a) after the words "woollen textiles", the words and brackets "raw cotton (including ginned cotton and unginned cotton or *kapas*) and cotton seed" shall be inserted;

(b) after the word "coal", the brackets and words "(including coke and other derivatives of coal)" shall be inserted, and shall be deemed always to have been inserted.

4. For the removal of doubts it is hereby enacted— Validity of
certain laws
made under
section 2 of
the India
(Central
Government
and Legisla-
ture) Act,
1946.
 (a) that all laws heretofore made under section 2 of the India (Central Government and Legislature) Act, 1946, with respect to trade and commerce (whether or not within a Province) in, and the production, supply and distribution of, coal shall be deemed to have been made under the said section as amended by this Act ;

(b) that no order made under, and no action taken in exercise of any power conferred by or under, any such law shall be deemed to be invalid or called in question on the ground merely that such law conferred or purported to confer powers in excess of the powers that might, at the time such law was made, be lawfully conferred by a law made or deemed to have been made under the said section 2.

K. V. K. SUNDARAM,
Secretary.